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FROM: INFORMATION CONTROL, OSO

RE: STEFAN BANDERA; Col. ANDRE MELNYK

With reference to your request of 12 November 1947, the following information is available:

*BANDERA, Stefan

Born 1908 (?); originally OUN chief of propaganda; from 1932 on, assistant chief of OUN; leader of OUN's activities in Poland; sentenced by Warsaw Court (1935) for complicity in PIERACKI murder together with friend Nicholas LIDDE; reportedly freed by Germans after 1939; broke with OUN leadership and headed own faction; contacted Abwehr in Cracow, and proclaimed, with Abwehr consent, Ukrainian independence (Lwow, 1941); arrested shortly afterwards because of bloody fights with rival groups; interned in concentration camps until ca. 1943; renewed collaboration with Germans upon release; refused to cooperate with VLADIMOV; joined UPA and resumed anti-Soviet struggle for Ukrainian independence; recognized UPA authority; allegedly initiated ABN (Anti-Bolshevist Bloc of Nations); maintains liaison with Caucasian anti-Soviet minorities; wanted by Russians; friend of Roman (Nikolay?) LEWICKIJ. Lives in village near Innsbruck.

*MELNYK, Andre, Col.

Born 1890; ex-officer of Austro-Hungarian army; served under PETRUBHEVICH and PATLICH (1919-20); military attache of Ukrainian Mission in Prague (1920-21); political prisoner in Prague (ca. 1924-28); co-founder of OWU and OUN; succeeded KONVALAEC as OUN "Providnik" in 1938; headed remains of OUN after defection of BANDERA faction (ca. 1939); arrested by Germans after BANDERA's arrest (1941) and kept in concentration camp Klein Sachsenhausen until ca. 1943; resumed collaboration with Germans upon release, but left major role to Gen. SHANDRUK; last reported near Frankfurt a/M (1945); said to have allied himself with HETMANCI (1945); allegedly favored by HALAN, head of Ukrainian-American Relief Committee.

No information is available on the other persons on this list.

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